IDEASPERE & AthenaBridge: User Manual

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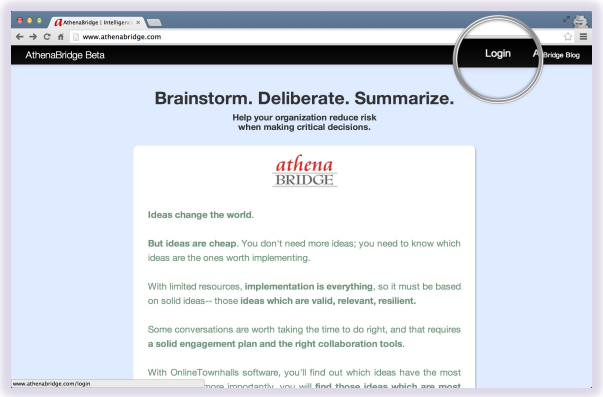
1. First Time Setup

In order to participate in the study, you will be using two Web-based tools called IDEASPERE and AthenaBridge. **Note: For subsequent logins, you should go to http://ppc-satc.unl.edu directly.**

Since you are participating in this study as a 2-person team, and to role-play certain characters in the study, please create a Facebook account using the Login and Password given to you on your character cards. And you should create *only* one account per team.

1.1 Signing Up to AthenaBridge with Facebook

Go to http://www.athenabridge.com and click on the "Login" button. And then click on the "Login with Facebook" link.


AthenaBridge Beta
Login
Brainstorm. Deliberate. Summarize.
Help your organization reduce risk when making critical decisions.
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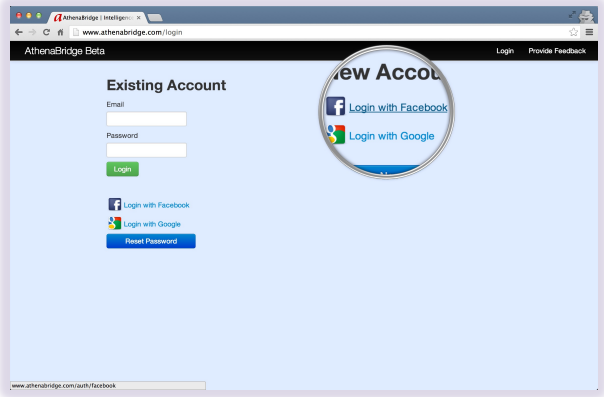
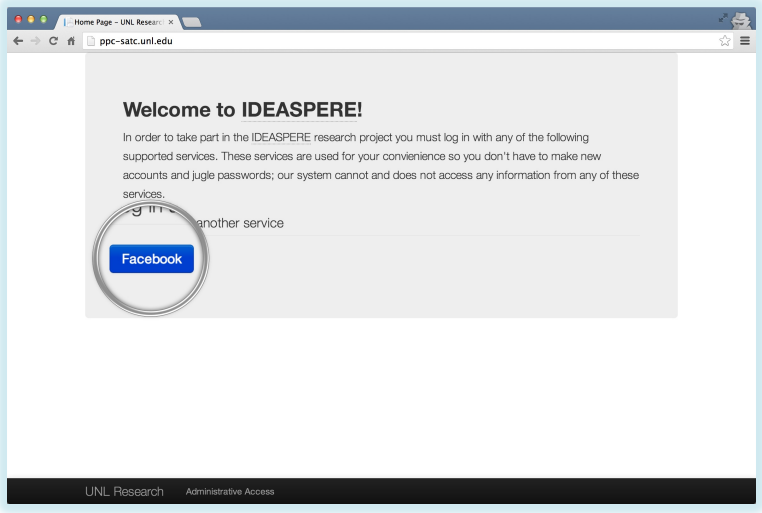
Ideas change the world.
But ideas are cheap. You don't need more ideas; you need to know which ideas are the ones worth implementing.
With limited resources, implementation is everything, so it must be based on solid ideas-- those ideas which are valid, relevant, resilient.
Some conversations are worth taking the time to do right, and that requires a solid engagement plan and the right collaboration tools.
With OnlineTownhalls software, you'll find out which ideas have the most



1.2 Signing Up to IDEASPERE with Facebook

Go to http://ppc-satc.unl.edu/ and click on the "Facebook" button. Login to Facebook and grant IDEASPERE access to Facebook.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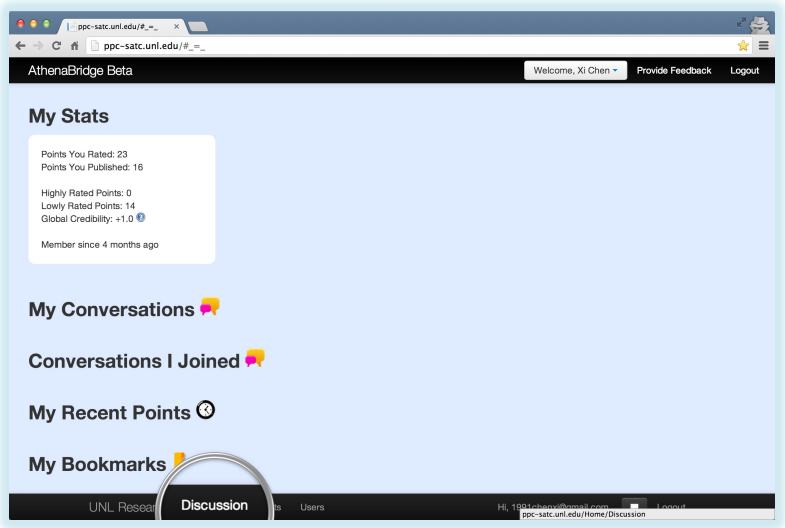
Welcome to IDEASPERE!
In order to take part in the IDEASPERE research project you must log in with any of the following supported services. These services are used for your convienience so you don't have to make new accounts and jugle passwords; our system cannot and does not access any information from any of these services.
another service
Facebook
UNL Research
Administrative Access

2. Using AthenaBridge

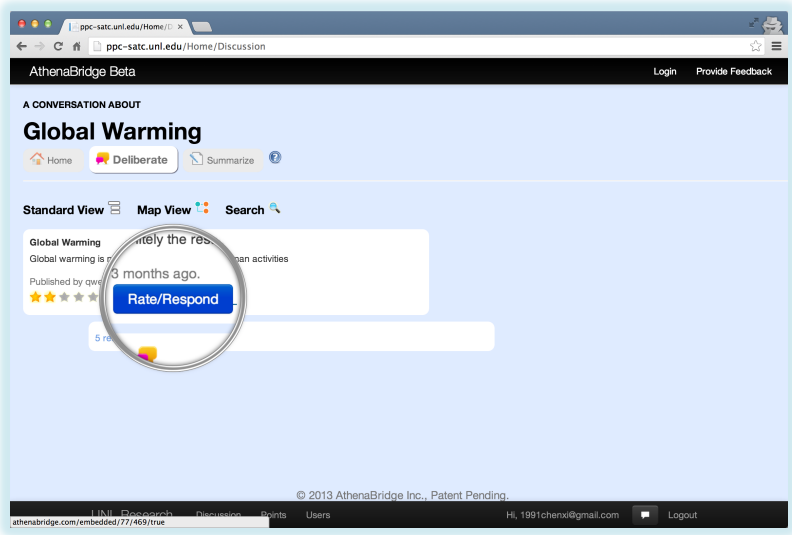
Central to debating on AthenaBridge is creating "arguments." An argument either supports or opposes another argument. The more support and argument gets the more the argument sways the debate. This section describes how arguments are created and attached to one another and how to view the debate's current status.

2.1. Creating an Argument

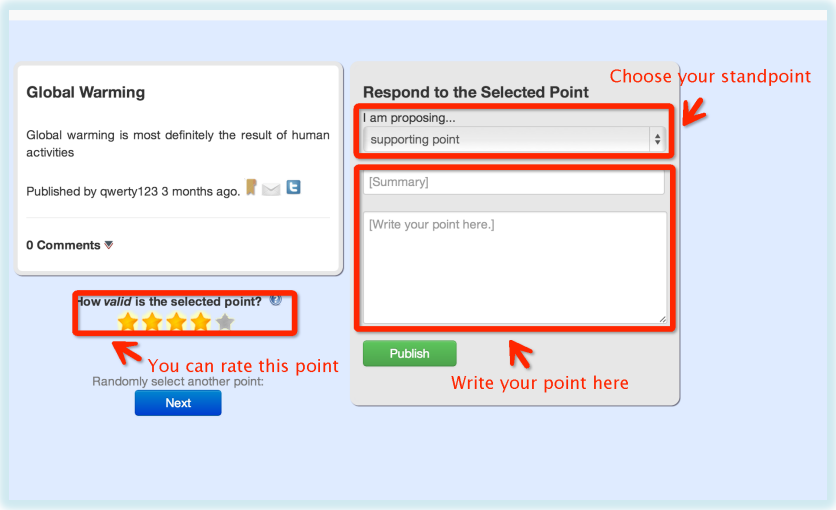
Click on the "Discussion" menu item on the lower menu bar to view the discussion.



It should bring up a discussion with arguments. You may rate them or respond to them or create a new argument.

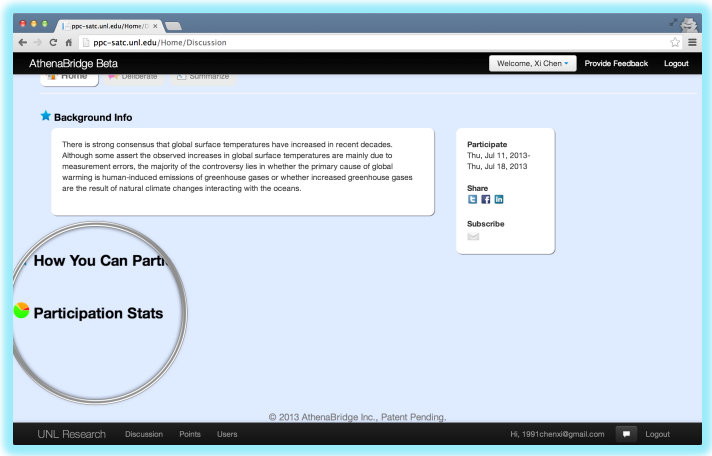


To rate, select the appropriate number of stars; to respond, type the response and select whether it is supporting or opposing a particular argument.



2.2 Viewing Current Debate Status

You may also review the current debate status. Go to the discussion front page again (again, using the "Discussion" menu item on the lower menu bar). Click on the "Participation Stats" link.



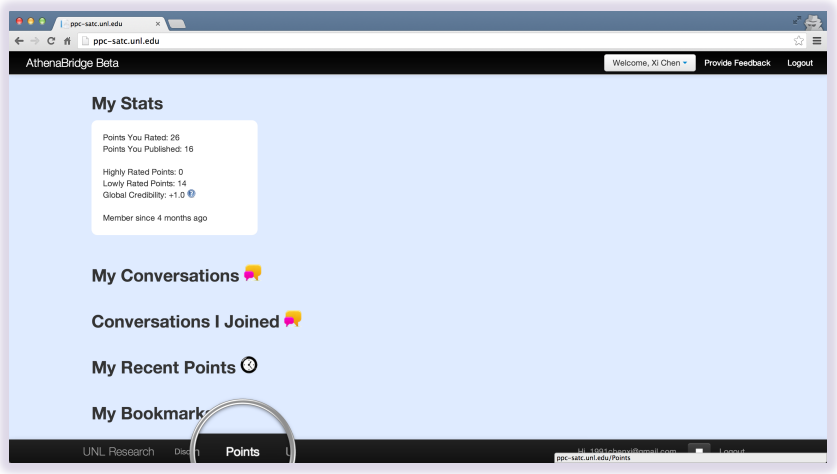
The Piechart to the right (blue and orange) shows which "side" is winning (i.e., the pro or con side). Whichever color is comprising more of the pie, is the winning side. The algorithm showing the "winner" uses information like number of arguments that are strongly supported and rated highly on each side. It also uses information about the number of opposing points posed to various arguments.

3. Using IDEASPERE

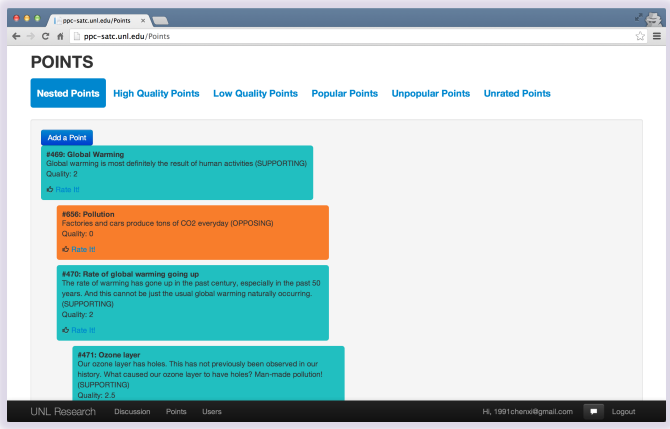
IDEASPERE is the software that wraps around AthenaBridge to provide tracking, chatting, and overall management features. So, in essence, while the AthenaBridge software features are generally available on the top menu bar; the IDEASPERE software features are generally available on the lower menu bar.

3.1 Viewing Arguments

Click the "Points" menu item on the lower menu bar.



And you will see the following page that has different tabs from different ways of presenting the arguments to you: Nested, high quality, low quality, popular, unpopular, and unrated. Click on the different tabs to choose the list you want to view. You may also rate an argument. Click on the "Rate It!" link in order to do so.


POINTS
Nested Points
High Quality Points
Low Quality Points
Popular Points
Unpopular Points
Unrated Points
Add a Point
#469: Global Warming
Global warming is most definitely the result of human activities (SUPPORTING)
Quality: 2
Rate It!
#656: Pollution
Factories and cars produce tons of CO2 everyday (OPPOSING)
Quality: 0
Rate It!
#470: Rate of global warming going up
The rate of warming has gone up in the past century, especially in the past 50 years. And this cannot be just the usual global warming naturally occurring.
(SUPPORTING)
Quality: 2
Rate It!
#471: Ozone layer
Our ozone layer has holes. This has not previously been observed in our history. What caused our ozone layer to have holes? Man-made pollution!
(SUPPORTING)
Quality: 2.5
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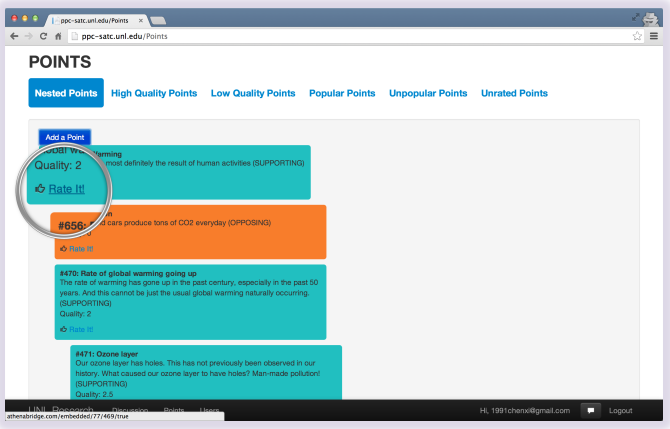
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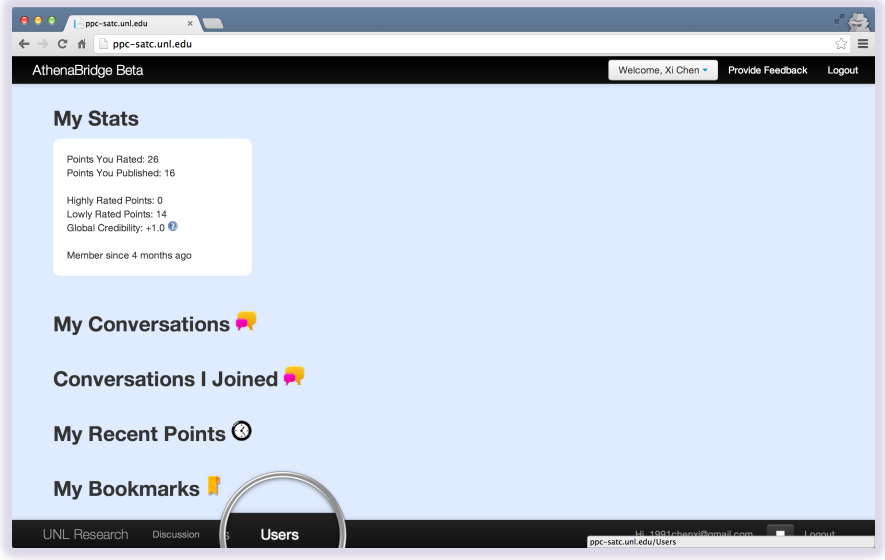
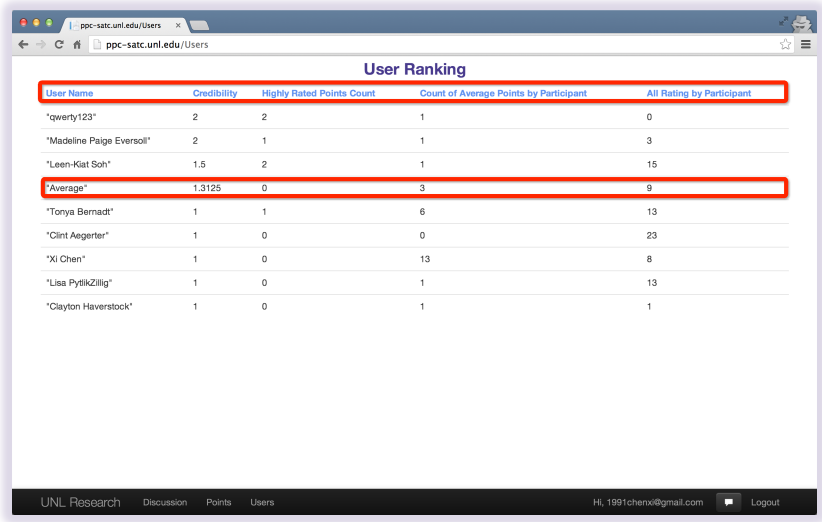
3.2 Viewing User Ranking

To view user ranking (participation status of each individual in the debate), click the “Users” menu item on the lower menu bar.



You will see the following page. You may click on the title of each column to change how the data is sorted.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User Ranking
User Name | Credibility | Highly Rated Points Count | Count of Average Points by Participant | All Rating by Participant
"qwerty123" 2 2 1 0
"Madeline Paige Eversoll" 2 1 1 3
"Leen-Kiat Soh" 1.5 2 1 15
"Average" 1.3125 0 3 9
"Tonya Bernadt" 1 1 6 13
"Clint Aegerter" 1 0 0 23
"Xi Chen" 1 0 13 8
"Lisa PytlikZillig" 1 0 1 13
"Clayton Haverstock" 1 0 1 1
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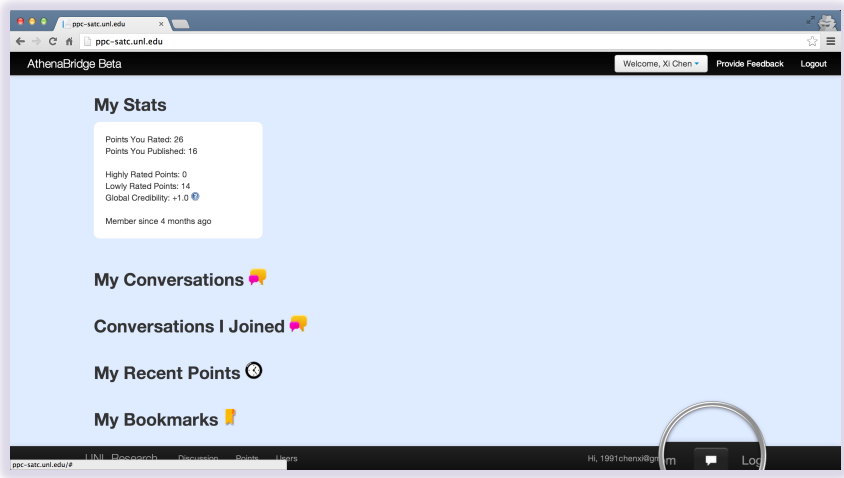
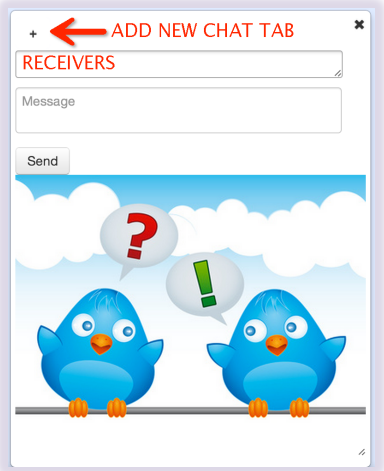
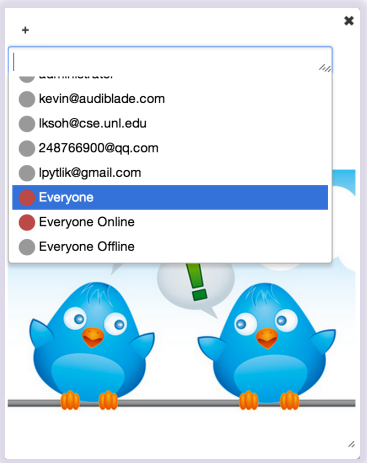
3.3 Chatting

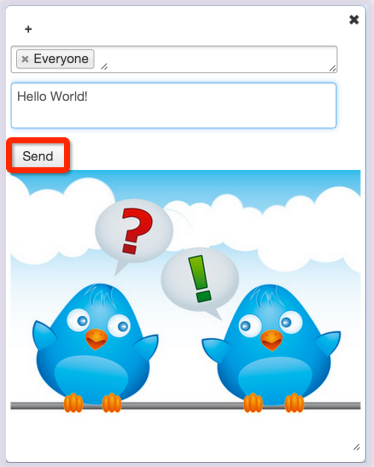
One of the main features of IDEASPERE is the chat feature. This allows you to chat with other participants in the debate in real-time. You are encouraged to use this feature to discuss with others the arguments you are posting, even before posting them. Using the chat box you can work wit others whose views are similar to yours, to plan how you will post the strongest arguments, and refute arguments from the other side that are weak. To start chat, click on the "Chat" menu item (a Chat icon) on the lower menu bar.



Then a chat window will pop up. Choose the recipients individually or just choose a group of recipients. Write down your message and click the "send" button.







A new chat will be created for you. Click it to see the messages. You can see the history chat log by click the “Chat History” button